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TO: Minerals File

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RE: Site Inspection, Golden Eagle Mines, Yerian Project, S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 14, 2001  
Time of Inspection: 1531 - 1611  
Conditions: Partly cloudy  
Participants: Pete Sokolosky, BLM; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine this inactive site

The inspection began at the pump location on the bank of the Green River. While driving into the site we passed a pickup truck with three men and some small sluice box equipment in the back driving out. A GPS point was taken at the pump station location. There was no equipment at the pump location, just a length of cable that was probably used to secure the pump. The pipeline from the pump location to the main part of the mine site also appears to have been removed.

We next traveled to the main part of the mine site. The only equipment visible at the main part of the site included a fuel tank lying on the ground and an old gas pump. All other equipment has been removed from the site. The main part of the site still has a number of gravel or cobble piles, settling ponds, and excavations. No one was present at the site and there were no signs of recent activity.

Several other GPS points were taken along the southern boundary of the mine site identifying different features. Photographs were taken of the site from several different vantage points. The state vehicle in these photos was facing approximately due west.

While walking around the site we came across the men in the pickup truck we had seen previously. They were dry sluicing some sands on one end of the site with a shovel and a small sluice box. They were trying to fine-tune their sluice box equipment.

In conclusion, the site appears to be abandoned. There are no significant safety or environmental hazards at the site at this time, just a large area of gravel pile and pond disturbances. There are some site disturbances that have encroached on BLM land. Division files will need to be reviewed to determine the next steps in regard to site reclamation and file closure.

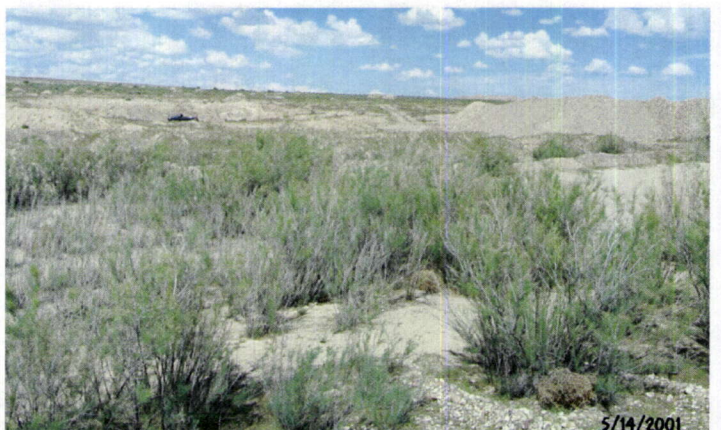
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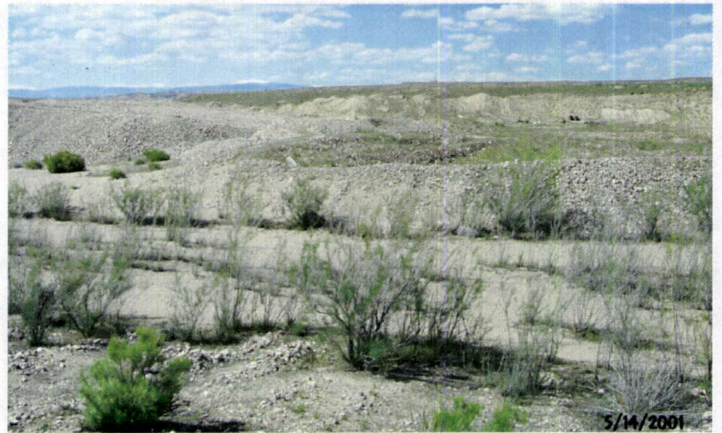
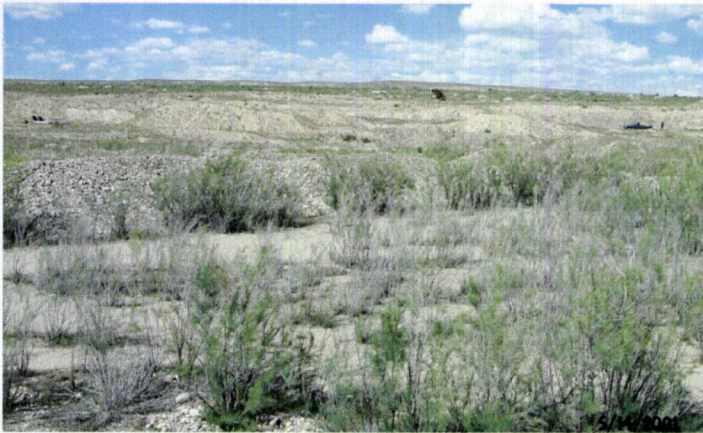


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